



## EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK: 2014 LEGISLATIVE TEAM

DGS had an absolutely stellar legislative session. Both the Green Buildings (HB 207) and Green Purchasing legislation (HB 629) were passed unanimously by the House and Senate. Our DGS budget remained untouched throughout the legislative process. So this time around, our



Employees of the Week are the folks who worked tirelessly to advance DGS' priorities in Annapolis -- the 2014 legislative team.

"DGS has never been this successful, progressive or aggressive," said Secretary Collins. "I am so pleased with the outcome of this legislative session and so proud of the work that has been done. This is taking our commitment to *Doing Great Service* to a new level."

There are a lot of people who played key roles during the 90 day General Assembly session, but no one spent more time on the front lines than our legislative team, Ellen Robertson and Joan Cadden. They put in long hours and many weekends to ensure successful passage of DGS' legislative priorities, while also protecting the operating and capital budgets. After a 90 day marathon of meetings, testimony and hearings, Ellen and Joan really delivered for DGS.

Steve Gilliss and Lauren Buckler also did a tremendous job on the Green Buildings legislation. Steve helped draft the legislation and testified in front of House and Senate Committees. They lined up support and successfully blocked last minute opposition by reaching out to stakeholders. David Lever, Executive Director of the School Construction Program and Tom Liebel, chair of the Green Building Council also pulled out all the stops on behalf of HB 207.

Anne Jackson helped navigate her Green Purchasing bill through the legislative process. She also assisted in drafting the legislation and testified before House and Senate committees.

The budget team also did an amazing job this year. Bart Thomas, Karen Tolley, Norma Velasquez, Joe Petruzzella and Debbie Pecora successfully maintained all the funding the Governor allocated for DGS, and secured an additional \$1.3 million dollars in the supplemental budget.

Maryland Capitol Police and Security kept the Annapolis Complex safe and secure during the 90 day session. Chief Michael Wilson and his officers managed 38 demonstrations over the 90 day session; with the largest being an 800 person protest.

Sam Cook and the Annapolis A Team kept everything running smoothly in and around the State House – even when Mother Nature kept dumping snow! Kudos to the housekeeping staff for keeping the State House complex sparkling clean while dealing with thousands of visitors.

A lot of work went into the Small Business Reserve bill. While it did not pass, Jorge Austrich made an outstanding effort.

Congratulations to all for *Doing Great Service*:

Debbie Pecora, Jane Bailey, Janet Cora, Joan Cadden, Ellen Robertson, Jorge Austrich, Joshua Cohen, Lauren Buckler, Lauri McGuire, Marci Stierhoff, Michael Gaines, Chief Michael Wilson, Nancy Hevey, Philippe Leroy, Terry Custer, Turhan Robinson, Wendy Scott-Napier, Monica Biddle, April Charles, Joe Pitruzzella, Mostafa Izadi, Norma Velasquez, Karen Tolley, Stephen Gilliss, Anne Jackson, ,Sarah Pope, Earline Meredith, Dr. David Lever, Tom Liebel, Sam Cook, and Lt. Rebecca Labs.